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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application dated November 7, 2001, submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

- 1. Declaration and Power of Attorney (which is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63)
- 2. Statutory Basic filing fee of \$740.00
- 3. Late Filing Fee Surcharge of \$130.00
- 4. Assignment

Please charge Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$870.00. To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

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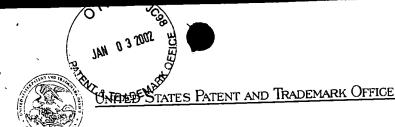
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.

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